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Steven Bowers Appointed as the Director of DALNET at Wayne State University

Steven Bowers has recently been appointed the new director of the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET). Hosted at Wayne State University since 1985, DALNET includes hospital, private academic libraries, community colleges, special libraries such as the DIA and the Henry Ford, the Detroit Public library system and Wayne State University Libraries. DALNET members collectively serve a region of four million people.

Bowers has been at Wayne State since 2005, serving first as systems librarian and later as interim director of DALNET. He works with the DALNET Executive Committee and the DALNET Strategic Planning Committee. "Steven's leadership will keep DALNET moving forward as we respond collectively to the digital age," said Dean Sandra Yee.

Bowers graduated from Wayne State University with a master's of Library and Information Science in 2002. Before his arrival at Wayne State, Bowers served as library manager, the director of Library Services and as an assistant professor at Rochester College in Rochester Hills, Mich.

"I am committed to taking DALNET into the future with plans for completion of a successful merge database project, several new digital projects and implementation of other new services and technologies," said Bowers.

The Wayne State University Library System consists of the universities' five libraries: The David Adamany Undergraduate Library, the Purdy/Kresge Library, the Shiffman Medical Library, the Arthur Neef Law Library and the Science and Engineering Library, the Library and Information Science Program and the Office for Teaching and Learning.

Wayne State University is a premier institution offering more than 350 academic programs through 12 schools and colleges to more than 33,000 students in metropolitan Detroit.